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MEMORANDUM

TO: U - Mr. Dillon

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FROM: EUR - Foy D. Kohler

SUBJECT: Resume of Latest Events on Summit

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The listing below summarizes the latest steps in connection with summit preparations, taking up the account where the last telegraphic report to you (October 23) left it with the President's reply to General de Gaulle's letter of October 20 objecting to a Western summit meeting in October.

1. On October 22, the President wrote to Mr. Macmillan informing him of his latest letter to General de Gaulle, pointing out that de Gaulle was apparently waiting for evidence of a changed Soviet attitude through a "correct" Soviet U.N. vote on the Algerian question.
2. On October 26, General de Gaulle replied to the President's letter of October 21. De Gaulle suggested that the principal subjects of negotiations with the USSR should be general disarmament, Germany, assistance to underdeveloped countries, and non-interference by any state in the internal affairs of another state. Such a conference would have to be carefully prepared among the Western powers, but it was clear from recent Soviet actions both that Khrushchev greatly desires a summit meeting and that the West has adequate time to prepare for it thoroughly. De Gaulle noted that prior commitments prevented him from attendance at a Western conference prior to December 19. He said Khrushchev's visit to Paris would probably take place in March and suggested a summit conference in April, preceded by a second Western summit for definitive establishment of the common Western position.
3. De Gaulle was informed of the President's agreement

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to the December 19 date and a press announcement stating that the Western summit would be held starting December 19 was made yesterday. ^{h.c.e-1.}

4. The Secretary saw the President ^{h.c.v.2} ~~today~~ and discussed with him the question of what approach we should take on the Berlin question in forthcoming negotiations, i.e., whether we should aim at a moratorium of limited duration on the basis of the present Western status in the city or a long-term solution probably involving a change in status.

5. The Secretary will discuss the topic of forthcoming negotiations with the USSR and the Western summit ^{h.c.v.2.5} ~~tomorrow~~ with the Ambassadors of France, the United Kingdom, and the Federal Republic of Germany. It is believed that the discussion will result in the establishment of a working group for summit preparations.

Concurrences:

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